tives as may be necessary regarding the processing and issuing of clearances, undertake periodic review of measures taken to encourage private sector participation etc.

**Godowns for Storages of Foodgrains in Andhra Pradesh**

2435. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government for construction of godowns in rural areas for storage of foodgrains;

(b) the assistance sought and proposed to be sanctioned; and

(c) by when the funds are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PROSAD VARMA): (a) No proposals have been submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government to the Agricultural Marketing Advisor for construction of godowns in rural areas for storage of foodgrains. The scheme for setting up of rural godowns which was being implemented by this Ministry since 1979-80 stands transferred to the State sector since 1992-93 as per the decision of National Development Council.

(b) and (c) does not arise.

**Development of Non-conventional Energy Sources in the North-East**

2436. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by Government to develop non-conventional energy sources in Assam and in other constituents of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their achievement levels;

(c) whether the State Government's have impressed upon greater need of developing these sources in future; and

(d) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCS (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) A wide range of non-conventional enrgy systems and devices have been installed in Assam and other North-Eastern States as indicated in Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The requests of the North-Eastern States have been considered on case to case basis and feasible projects are supported under the existing schemes of the Central Government.

**Statement**

| S. No. | Name of the systems | Units | No. of systems installed in Assam & other North-Eastern States upto 31.03.1996 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Family Size Biogas Plants | Nos. | 21168 |
| 2. | Improved Chulha | Lakh Nos. | 4 |
| 3. | Solar Lanterns | Nos. | 4954 |
| 4. | SPV Water Pumping Systems | Nos. | 45 |
| 5. | Street Lights | Nos. | 2602 |
| 6. | Domestic Lights | Nos. | 3684 |
| 7. | Community Lights | Nos. | 262 |